

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 93-787-G - ORDER NO. 98-864  
NOVEMBER 4, 1998

IN RE:   Application of Piedmont Natural Gas                    )  
          Company for Approval of an Integrated                )  
          Resource Plan (IRP).                                    )  
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  ) ORDER APPROVING  
  ) REQUEST TO  
  ) DISCONTINUE  
  ) PROGRAM

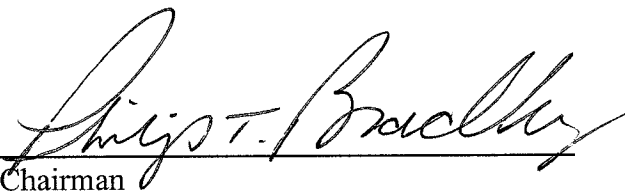
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Piedmont Natural Gas Company (Piedmont or the Company) to discontinue the Energy Efficient Gas Advantage Homebuilder Program (the program), effective November 1, 1998. This program is one of Piedmont's Demand Side Management Programs. Analysis reveals that the benefit-to-cost ratio is 0.62. Under present criteria, such a ratio brings into question the appropriateness of continued operation of the program.

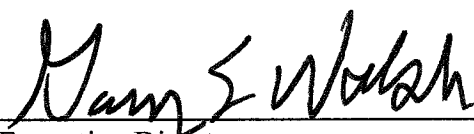
We have examined this matter and have determined that benefit-to-cost ratio supports discontinuation of the program, effective November 1, 1998, since the benefits of the program do not outweigh the costs. However, we hereby instruct the Company to notify all participating homebuilders of the termination, and to satisfy all reasonable outstanding obligations connected to the program.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the  
Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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